REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §101 asserting that the claimed invention could be practiced using pencil and paper, and as such, was directed to non-statutory subject matter. During telephone interviews on August 29 and 31, 2005, the Examiner indicated that amending the preamble of the independent claims to recite "A computer-implemented method" would overcome the §101 rejection. Therefore, Applicants have amended the preambles of claims 1, 13, and 19 to recite "A computer-implemented method." No new matter has been added. In light of this amendment and the Examiner's indication during the telephone interviews, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §101 rejection.

The Examiner also rejected claims 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the patent to Levine. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Claim 13 calls out, "creating a time stamp receipt including identifying data associated with said document and a time indication ... [and] ... transmitting said time stamp receipt to an outside agency." Thus, the outside agency receives a time stamp receipt from an author, for example, who has already created the time stamp receipt to include identifying data (e.g., a hash of a document) and a time indication.

In contrast to claim 13, Levine explicitly does not disclose creating a time stamp receipt that includes identifying data and a time indication, and then transmitting the time stamp receipt to an outside agency. *Levine*, col. 8, ll. 9-19. Indeed, Levine teaches that the time stamping service – not the document submitter - performs these functions <u>after</u> receiving the document. In Levine, the time stamping service has two computing devices - a publicly accessible machine and a private machine. The publicly accessible machine receives a document from a document submitter and adds a time stamp to the document. *Levine*, col. 6, ll. 9-19. The private machine receives the document from the public machine

and cryptographically binds the hashed and time-stamped document. *Levine*, col. 6, ll. 29-51. Either the public machine or the private machine of Levine hashes the document received from the submitter. *Levine*, col. 7, ll. 15-16.
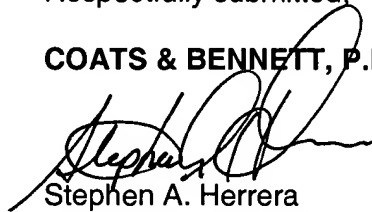
It is undeniable that whatever data is created and transmitted to the time stamping service of Levine does not include identifying data and a time indication as called out by claim 13. Therefore, Levine fails to anticipate claim 13, and the §102 rejection of claim 13 fails as a matter of law. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

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